

many years of service. Born in Knox County, Kentucky in 1808, the young James Early served as the first Postmaster for the community of Whitley Courthouse, now known as Williamsburg, Kentucky. He went on to serve the community in the Kentucky State Legislature as a member of the Whig party in 1844 at the same time that he maintained a farm near Rockhold, Kentucky.

However, his greatest contribution to the community might well be his service as a doctor for nearly 30 years. Dr. Early practiced as a civilian doctor for the Union Army during the Civil War and continued as a country doctor until his death at the age of 77.

Married twice, Dr. Early helped raise 15 children, four of whom went on to serve this country in their own right by joining the Union Army during the war. Some of his descendants still live in Kentucky and continue to serve our commonwealth and this great nation in numerous ways.

Dr. James Harvey Early was a man who provided great service to his community through the trying and difficult times of war in this country, and it is fitting that we honor him today with this plaque.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1714.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MAJOR LYN MCINTOSH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1432) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the "Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1432

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MAJOR LYN MCINTOSH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia,

shall be known and designated as the "Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1432.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1432 would designate the post office located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building.

Lyn Davis McIntosh was born in Valdosta, Georgia, on October 11, 1946. He went to school in Valdosta, graduating from Valdosta State College in 1968. He taught mathematics at Valdosta Junior High School. He enlisted in the Air Force and served overseas in Thailand. After returning to the United States, he was stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California, serving as a National Security Officer.

Major McIntosh returned to flying, joining the 8th Special Operations Squadron as an aircraft commander in 1979. On November 4, 1979, Iranians seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, taking 66 Americans hostage. Major McIntosh volunteered for the rescue mission. This extremely dangerous and complex rescue attempt ended in disaster in an Iranian desert on April 25, 1980. Major McIntosh was among those who lost their lives during this rescue mission.

In 1969, Major McIntosh married Ann Dixon and they had three sons, Scott, Mark and Stewart. Ann Dixon passed away on February 17, 2001.

This bill is a fitting tribute to this American patriot. I commend the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) and the other members of the Georgia delegation for sponsoring this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in the House consideration of H.R. 1432, which

names a Post Office in Valdosta, Georgia, after Major Lyn McIntosh. H.R. 1432 was introduced by my good and colleague, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) on April 4, 2001. This bill, which meets the committee policy, is cosponsored by the entire Georgia delegation.

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I commend the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP) for seeking to honor Major McIntosh.

Major McIntosh grew up in Valdosta and received his education in his hometown. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed his pilot training. As a member of the Eighth Special Operations Squadron, he commanded an MC-130 aircraft. He later volunteered for a rescue mission to recover the hostages seized in Iran at the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, in 1979. Sadly and unfortunately, he was killed on a ground aircraft collision on April 25, 1979. Here is another example of an individual who was willing to give all that he had for his country; and I think it is certainly fitting, proper and appropriate that we honor him by naming a post office for him. I urge my colleagues to vote in the affirmative for the passage of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), the author of this legislation.

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I thank the committee for the hard work on both sides that have been done to bring this bill to the floor. It is a very, very important and emotional piece of legislation for the people of south Georgia.

If one visits the city of Valdosta in deep central south Georgia and happens to be on the corner of North Ashley Street and Woodrow Wilson Drive, one will see a memorial that includes an F-86 fighter plane and a plaque commemorating the life of Major Lyn David McIntosh.

Lyn McIntosh was an extraordinary American.

He was raised in Valdosta; and he attended the public schools there, where he was involved in football and tennis, drama and student government, and as sports editor of the school paper. He graduated from Valdosta State College; and for a while, he taught math at Valdosta Junior High School. Later, he would earn a master's degree from the University of California.

Moody Air Force Base is located in Valdosta, and this outstanding young man decided that military service is what he wanted to do with his life. In 1969, two big things happened: he was married to Ann Dixon of Valdosta, and he joined the Air Force. In the years that followed, he became the father of three sons; and he served as an Air Force pilot and a commander throughout much of the world, and he earned a long list of commendations, including the Air Force Commendation Medal

with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He flew with the Eighth Special Operations Squadron as an MC-130 aircraft commander in June of 1979.

As my colleagues know, on November 4, 1979, the Iranians seized the United States Embassy in Tehran, taking 66 Americans hostage. An extremely complex rescue mission was formed and Lyn volunteered for the mission. The rescue attempt began April 24, 1980; and it ended in a disaster in an Iranian desert on April 25. Lyn was among those who lost their lives in an on-the-ground aircraft collision. Unfortunately, this mission was aborted; and Lyn, unfortunately, was among those who died in this very, very tragic accident.

But today, we are here, grateful for Lyn's service to his country, grateful for his commitment, and we want to say "thank you" to his family; we want to say "thank you" in the way that Americans will always do for eternal gratitude for those who give that last full measure of devotion for our country.

Today, I would like to urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 1432, a bill to name the United States Post Office on the Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the Major Lyn McIntosh Building in memory of a brave American. Lyn was indeed a great American. Greater love hath no man but that he lay down his life for his friends. Lyn was a friend to all Americans. He gave himself for those 66 hostages; and for that, we will be forever grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution as a memorial to Lyn and his family and to all those who knew and all Americans who benefited from his service to our great country.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me time.

I wanted to say that the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), my good friend, has introduced a very timely resolution for a great American patriot. As somebody who will be representing Valdosta, Georgia, or part of Valdosta, Georgia, I look forward to participating in this. I do not know the McIntosh family personally, as does the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), but if one looks at the history of the United States of America in the last 10 or 15 years, it is clear that Mr. McIntosh has been a part of that history and has served his country well. During that very trying period in 1979 when Americans faced the ignominious situation in Iran, for somebody to step forward and volunteer on a rescue mission I think speaks volumes of his pa-

triotism, love, and devotion for our country.

I look forward to supporting my colleague on this and working with him and the folks in the Senate to get this thing passed. I also look forward to getting to know the McIntosh family. I thank the gentleman from Georgia for introducing this piece of legislation.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, having no other speakers, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of H.R. 1432.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1432.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1202) to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1202

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act of 2001".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 405 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "1997 through 1999" and inserting "2002 through 2006".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1202 is critically important to ensuring honesty, integrity, and impartiality in the executive branch of the Federal Government. The bill would reauthorize the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006.

With a budget of \$10 million and a staff of only 82, the Office of Government Ethics is a small agency. Despite its small size, however, it performs a vital function.

The office, established in 1978, fosters high ethical standards for government employees. It oversees compliance by Federal departments and agencies with a variety of ethics laws. It issues rules and regulations for Federal employees to follow on such matters as conflict of interest, post-employment restrictions, standards of conduct, and financial disclosure. The office also reviews financial disclosure statements of certain Presidential nominees and, when necessary, recommends corrective action if it finds violations of ethics laws.

In addition, the office trains employees in ethics, provides formal and informal guidance on the interpretation and application of various ethics laws, and it evaluates the effectiveness of conflict of interest and other ethics laws.

During the last Congress, the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization of the Committee on Government Reform held an oversight hearing on the Office of Government Ethics. That hearing revealed that the office has performed its duties exceedingly well. There is no question that the office has earned reauthorization from this Congress.

So, Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, I am pleased to join with the gentlewoman from Maryland in support of S. 1202, a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006.

OGE's mission is not only to prevent and resolve conflicts of interest and to foster high ethical standards for Federal employees, but also to strengthen the public's confidence so that the government's business is conducted with impartiality and integrity. OGE does this by, one, reviewing and certifying the financial disclosure forms filed by Presidential nominees requiring Senate confirmation; two, serving as the primary source of advice in counseling on conduct and financial disclosure issues; and, three, by providing information on promoting understanding of ethical standards in executive agencies.

OGE and its staff are well regarded by the Federal agencies with whom